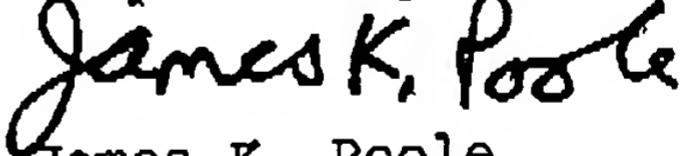


REMARKS:

Claims 1 to 3, 6 to 10, 16, 17, 19, 20, and 32 to 34 have been presented in correct form as presented in the Amendment filed December 6, 2004, as requested by paragraphs 2 and 6 of the outstanding Action. Claims 18 and 30 have been amended to obviate rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 in response to paragraph 6 of the Action, without materially affecting the scope of the pending claims. Entry is respectfully requested to present the pending claims in better condition for appeal. Applicant will file a Notice of Appeal and Request for a Pre-Appeal Brief conference tomorrow, September 30.

Applicant's Attorney regrets any inconvenience the submission of this Amendment on the eve of appeal may cause, but Applicant has been unable (due to severe medical and financial problems) to authorize action sooner. Applicant's undersigned Attorney left phone messages for SPE Mickey Yu and Mr. Anton Fetting (a coordinator for the Pre-Appeal Brief Conference Program) today, but received no replies.

If any question remains regarding entry of these corrections and amendments to the claims, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's Attorney so that the remaining issues can be presented to the Conference in optimum form.

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